

FOCH GAINS IN NEW SMASH

Bulgaria Invaded By British Troops; Foe Flight Goes On

One Enemy Army in Balkans Seems Doomed to Surrender by Rapid Advance of Italians—Narrow Pass Only Way Out.

SALONIKI, Sept. 26.—Bulgaria has been invaded by allied troops, according to a British official statement issued here today.

British troops entered Bulgarian territory opposite Kosturino, about six miles south of Strumitsa, the enemy base in this region.

Advancing All Along Front.

In Macedonia the allies are advancing all along the 130-mile V-shaped front between Monastir and Lake Doiran. The Bulgarian first army on the allied left has been placed in a dangerous position by the cutting of the Prilep-Veles road at Izvor, while the Serbians are in the outskirts of Ishtib, eighteen miles east of Veles, and one of the bases of the Bulgarian second army. Apparently the Veles-Ishtib line, the most formidable for the enemy south of Uskub, will prove untenable.

Foe's Left Flank Pierced.

Northeast of Lake Doiran the British troops have crossed the frontier into Bulgarian Macedonia, threatening the extreme left flank. Enemy territory was invaded at Kosturino, a few miles south of Strumitsa, the Bulgarian base in the region north of Lake Doiran. Kosturino is at the headwaters of the Trepkava river, which flows through virtually level country to Strumitsa. Meanwhile the French and Greeks are pushing eastward from the Vardar river in the direction of Strumitsa, which is situated in a valley between two high mountain ranges.

Vital Road Cut.

LONDON, Sept. 26.—Reports in official quarters here indicate that the Prilep-Veles road has been cut at Izvor, isolating the first Bulgarian army from its main line of communication and placing it in a precarious position. The first army is on the allied left. The position of the first Bulgarian army on the allied left in Macedonia is dangerous, according to reports reaching here, but it is not believed that the army is faced with immediate disaster. The Italians who were advancing against the first army from the south must pass over much extremely rough country before they can get in contact with it.

It is believed that the first army, which is commanded by General Geshov, has been forced to attempt a retreat westward into the mountains, on the Serbo-Albanian frontier. The country is very rough and it will be impossible to handle artillery. The matter of food supplies also would be difficult.

The reports indicate that the Serbians who have cut the Germano-Bulgarian communications are joining in the allied race for Uskub.

Army Nearly Cut Off.

Advices received in Serbian diplomatic circles in Paris show that the Bulgarian troops in the region of Lake Ochrida, toward the western end of the Macedonian front, are virtually encircled by the Italians, advancing in the direction of Kichevo, and the Franco-Serbian forces moving from Monastir toward Kichevo. The fall of Kichevo is expected hourly.

The only means of exit for the Bulgarians here is a narrow passage between the Kichevo and Kreshevo. (This body comprises the first Bulgarian army.)

The army seems doomed to destruction or surrender, or to a retreat in Albania, as the allies now have artillery installed north of Monastir and command the passes in either direction.

The whole of the Monastir-Prilep-Gradska roads connecting up the two Bulgarian armies is now in the hands of the allies, according to news received here late last night. The allied cavalry is within ten miles of the second line extending between Veles, Ishtib and Prilep.

Race for Uskub.

The enemy is fighting hard to obtain possession of this road and also in the sector west of Uskub, as the allied forces and an effort to the city as the Bulgarians.

The allies are now in possession of the whole course of the Vardar river from Glevani to Gradska. Last night reports said that the Serbians have taken thirty guns in addition to those already reported.

Greek Troops Aid in Three Sectors

ATHENS, Wednesday, Sept. 25.—Greek troops are aiding in the allied advance in Macedonia on three sectors of the front, according to an official statement from the Greek war office today. East of the Vardar the Bulgarians are in flight toward Valandovo, while the British and Greeks in pursuit.

WHERE FRENCH AND AMERICANS STRUCK



The black area is the territory reclaimed by the allies since July 18. The broken line between Reims and Verdun is the present battle front against which the French and Americans struck this morning. The solid line across the St. Mihiel salient is the present battle front in that region. The solid line along the Belgian and French border is the frontier defense line on which Germany is expected to stand if the Hindenburg line is broken. The attack today in the Champagne, if successful, might drive the enemy to the line of the Meuse river, which the black line follows. The arrows indicate the location of the attack.

Champagne Scene Of Double Drive; Americans in It

Only Meager News of Thrust Received, But Indications Are for Major Effort To Turn Whole Hindenburg System—Battle Begun in Dense Fog.

By the Associated Press.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, Sept. 26.—(9:10 a. m.)—French troops today attacked in the Champagne in a thick fog after a period of artillery preparation which terminated in hours of most intense drumfire.

The early indications were that the attack was progressing most favorably. The attack was made along a wide front.

Americans Hit Further East.

PARIS, Sept. 26.—French and American troops attacked this morning on the Champagne front at 5 o'clock, according to a statement issued by the war office today.

The statement says that the French attack was launched in the Champagne in co-operation with the American army which is attacking further to the east.

The Franco-American attack on the Champagne front is the first allied thrust made on that sector since Marshal Foch assumed the initiative in July and is the logical result of the allied success in Picardy in driving the Germans back to the Hindenburg line from Arras to Laon.

A drive northward in Champagne threatens the communication lines in the rear of the Hindenburg defense system, where the Germans are struggling to keep the British and French from breaking through. While the length of the front of attack is not disclosed it is probable it extends a good part of the distance from Rheims to Verdun and probably beyond.

Military critics have pointed out that the Champagne front was the logical place where an allied effort in tending to destroy the effectiveness of the Hindenburg line could be made. For some distance east of Rheims the terrain is fairly level and open and an advance of some distance here would outflank Laon and possibly St. Quentin.

More important still, such an advance would sever the communication lines eastward from Laon, the pivot of the German defenses between Rheims and Ypres. An allied break might separate the German forces in the west into two groups.

There has been rather lively raiding activity by both sides on the Champagne front in the last two weeks and some military commentators have felt that these were the forerunners of greater activity.

British Line Is Advanced in Flanders

LONDON, Sept. 26.—Northwest of St. Quentin British troops continued their pressure against the German defenses and have captured enemy strong points in the neighborhood of Seleny and Gricourt, Field Marshal Haig reported today.

In Flanders the British line has likewise been advanced, progress having been made in the sector north of La Bassée.

North of Gricourt, on the St. Quentin sector, the British repulsed German counter-attacks.

Fourth Turkish Army Surrounded

LONDON, Sept. 26.—The fourth Turkish army on the Palestine front is virtually surrounded in the region east of the Jordan and faces annihilation by General Allenby's forces, today's advices show.

The total of prisoners already taken was increased today to 45,000.

The annihilation of the fourth army, now hoped for, would complete the cleaning up of the Turkish forces in Palestine, accounting for about 80,000 men.

The precarious position of the fourth army may be seen from the fact that Arab cavalry and infantry are north of it, Arab and British forces east and British forces to the south.

All these are pressing inward on the enemy while the Jordan, with the crossings, is in the hands of the allies.

British troops operating in Palestine are extending their occupation about the sea of Galilee. They have occupied Tiberias and Semakh, on the borders of that sea, and Es-Samra, it was officially announced today.

Pushing on to the east of the Jordan the British have occupied the strategic town of Amman on the Hedjaz railway.

Berlin Claims U. S. Prisoners

BERLIN, Sept. 26.—The capture of French and Americans in Lorraine, to the east of the Moselle, is reported in today's army headquarters statement.

German Foothold Broken Near Aisne

PARIS, Sept. 26.—Renewed German attacks north of the Aisne have been repulsed. At one point where the Germans gained a foothold upon the French positions they were ejected by a counter-attack.

Text of the statement reads: "Between the Ailette and the Aisne the Germans renewed their attacks on the night of September 25th and 26th in the region of Ailette and Montin-Laffaux. The enemy was repulsed at the latter point in powerful French lines, but an energetic counter-attack by the French reestablished the situation."

Further south the French have enlarged their gains east of Sedan and have taken prisoners.

This morning at 5 o'clock troops attacked on the

BLAINE COUNTY TAKES HIGHEST HONORS AT FAIR

Agricultural Exhibit Best of Thirty Shown.

Blaine county was again an easy winner of first awards for the best all round agricultural exhibit on display at the Oklahoma State Fair and Exposition, over more than thirty counties that had made entries.

Blaine county won the first honors in 1917. A silver trophy and a cash prize of \$200 is given by the fair association to the winners. Scoring on a basis of 1,000 points the judges gave the winner a score of 912.92 points. Creek county, winner of the second prize, scored 899.82 and Canadian county, third, with a score of 839.17.

Twelve Wm. Cash.

Twelve other counties winning cash prizes of from \$45 to \$100 were in the order named: Custer, Green, Oklahoma, Kay, Grady, Johnston, Carter, Hughes, McCurtain, Osage, Roger Mills and Cimarron.

The silver trophy was first given by the fair association in 1911 and was won by Noble county. Caddo county was the winner in 1912, 1913 and 1914. Cleveland county in 1916 and Blaine county in 1917 and 1918.

A heavy track from the rain last night and this morning caused the harness races scheduled for this afternoon to be called off.

Four running events, including the Oklahoma derby, will take place between 2:30 and 5 o'clock, if rain does not interfere. The harness races called off were three mile heats of a 2:14 trot, a dash pace by three year olds and a 2:25 dash trot. These events have been added to the racing program for Friday noon.

The Oklahoma Derby to be run this afternoon for a purse of \$300, is the big feature of the racing program of the fair. There are eight entries for the race from five states. The distance is one mile and seven yards.

Crowds Brava Kala.

Despite the rain of last night and the intermittent showers this morning, people were flocking to the fair grounds in far greater number than was expected. Car service was irregular before 11 o'clock on account of several feet of track near the fair grounds being under water. This was drained, however, and shortly before noon service was again normal, with every Fair Grounds car crowded.

BOMBS FOUND IN WEST BRAW TROOPS

PHOENIX, Ariz., Sept. 26.—A detachment of troops was sent to Jerome, Ariz., today following the discovery last night of a dozen bombs scattered in a suit case hidden beneath a house occupied by Mexicans in Jerome.

WOUND CHEVRONS O. K. NOW TO NAVY MEN, SAYS DANIELS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—Wearing of war service and wound chevrons by enlisted men and officers of the navy was authorized yesterday by Secretary Daniels.

The chevrons authorized are similar to those adopted by the army and may, by permission of commanding officers, be worn on the left sleeve to denote service and one the right sleeve for wounds.

BULGARIA FACES CRISIS; KAISER REGIME UNEASY

Pacifists Bring Martial Law in Sofia.

PARIS, Sept. 26.—In well informed circles there are reports that a new ministerial crisis and a complete change in Bulgaria's foreign policy is impending.

Martial law has been proclaimed in Sofia, according to reliable news printed in the German press, says the Journal of Zurich. It is said that the Bulgarian cabinet is in continuous session and King Ferdinand had a long consultation with Premier Malloff yesterday.

Pacifist manifestations were held at Sofia on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, it is reported.

The German government, according to advices to the Havas agency from Zurich, is very uneasy over the pacifist demonstrations in Bulgaria and the German minister has conferred with King Ferdinand.

In Bulgarian political circles it is believed that Crown Prince Boris will become regent in the present crisis.

FAIR VISITOR ROBBED BY NEGRO WOMAN

Held up and robbed by a negro woman, whom he describes as quite large and very black, Walter A. Green of Thacker, Okla., was delayed in catching his train home last night. He told the police that while waiting at the Santa Fe station for his train, he strolled about a block east on Grand avenue. The woman palmed a revolver at him and took \$5 from his pocket. Green had been standing the fair.

Telegraph Strike Ended.

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 26.—The strike of the postal and telegraph employees which has been in progress since September 3 was settled yesterday.

PROFITEERING IN FOOD IS TO END; MAXIMUM FIXED

Retailers of Feed Get 15 Percent Gross.

CHICAGO, Sept. 26.—John J. Stream, chairman of the coarse grain committee of the national food administration, has been here several days gathering information regarding the grain trade and its allied interests. He announced his program today aimed to check profiteering on food materials which included the following restrictions of profits:

Cash dealers, 3 percent in their annual turnover of business up to \$300,000; 2 percent in excess of \$300,000.

Feed manufacturers 12 1/2 percent gross; feed dealers and jobbers 15 percent gross; 4 percent net.

Feed retailers, 15 percent gross; 6 percent net.

It was stated also that any profit in excess of these limits would be regarded as profiteering and prosecuted as such.

Rainfall General Throughout State

Last night's rain was general throughout the state, according to reports received this morning at the weather bureau. The rainfall here up to 6 o'clock this morning was 1.22 inches.

Reports from other points in inches and hundredths of inches are as follows: Ada 1.12, Ardmore .67, Chandler 1.05, Durant .66, Enid .20, Hammond .05, Holdenville 1.00, McAlester .75, Newkirk .85, Okemah .54, Pauls Valley .09, Shawnee .10, Stillwater .66, Tulsa .99, Woodward .12.

SOLDIER VOTE MAY DECIDE N. J. CONTEST

TRENTON, N. J., Sept. 26.—All four candidates claiming the democratic nomination for United States senator, long term, in Tuesday's primaries, it was increasingly apparent to close political observers early today that the soldier vote probably would determine the result. Many of the districts in the southern part of the state are still to be heard from, and democratic leaders were busy today attempting to hurry along the official figures.

HERE'S HOW TO RESPECT YOUR COUNTRY'S FLAG

Under the ruling that it is unlawful to fly a flag with a rent or hole in it, the old flag over the local navy mobilization station, torn by Oklahoma wind storms, was replaced today by a new one. The old flag will be forwarded to New York and condemned by the property board.

FURNITURE OVER DOUBLES IN COST

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—Cost of living investigators of the bureau of statistics, now working in the principal cities, reported today that costs in Philadelphia have increased 67.17 percent since December, 1914. Clothing increased 108.12 percent in cost; furniture 105.75 percent; food 68.09 percent; housing 9.69 percent, and fuel and light 31.65 percent. The increase was 13.16 percent since December 1917.

PENTECOST IS BRIGADIER OF FIRST BRIGADE

Col. H. W. Pentecost, commanding officer of the Second regiment, Oklahoma national guard, was made brigadier general yesterday of the First Oklahoma brigade, composed of the Second and Third regiments. Lieut. Col. Charles E. McPherson is elevated to the rank of colonel and will command the Second regiment. General Pentecost has had complete charge in organizing the Second and Third regiments, which it is expected will be called into camp some time next month.

CITY CARD INDEX ON LOAN QUOTA BEING PREPARED

13,592 Persons Are Listed for Subscriptions.

The Oklahoma county Liberty loan executive committee, headed by W. J. Pettie, is rounding out the preliminary work preparatory to the first movement of the campaign which formally starts Saturday, September 28.

Individual quota cards to the number of 13,592 have been prepared for persons in Oklahoma City and 1,000 more will be used for persons living in Oklahoma county but not in the city. The cards are in duplicate form, one card being for the workers and the other to keep on record. The cards to be sent out of town will go to the committees of the various townships in the county.

A committee composed of men representing all walks of life has been meeting each evening in order to get an estimate of the amount of bonds each individual in Oklahoma county is able to buy, says G. B. Parker, publicity manager.

Over 300 letters have been sent to concerns out of the city having branch offices in the city, notifying them that they will be expected to purchase bonds here proportionate to their business interests in the city.



THE WEATHER

LOCAL FORECAST—Fair weather to night and Friday; cooler tonight, possible rain from Friday night to Saturday morning. Friday, fair.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE.

Time	Temp.	Wind	Clouds
10 p. m.	70	W. 4	100
11 p. m.	68	W. 4	100
12 m.	65	W. 4	100
1 p. m.	62	W. 4	100
2 p. m.	60	W. 4	100
3 p. m.	58	W. 4	100
4 p. m.	55	W. 4	100
5 p. m.	52	W. 4	100
6 p. m.	50	W. 4	100
7 p. m.	48	W. 4	100
8 p. m.	45	W. 4	100
9 p. m.	42	W. 4	100
10 p. m.	40	W. 4	100
11 p. m.	38	W. 4	100
12 m.	35	W. 4	100
1 p. m.	32	W. 4	100
2 p. m.	30	W. 4	100
3 p. m.	28	W. 4	100
4 p. m.	25	W. 4	100
5 p. m.	22	W. 4	100
6 p. m.	20	W. 4	100
7 p. m.	18	W. 4	100
8 p. m.	15	W. 4	100
9 p. m.	12	W. 4	100
10 p. m.	10	W. 4	100
11 p. m.	8	W. 4	100
12 m.	5	W. 4	100
1 p. m.	3	W. 4	100
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